GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4536
ANSWERED ON:24.04.2008
ALLOTMENT OF GAS AGENCIES IN THE RURAL AREAS
Athawale Shri Ramdas

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has finalised a scheme to effect major changes in the existing rules for allotment of domestic gas agencies in order to increase the availability of domestic gas in the rural areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (b): Government have given freedom to Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to set up LPG distributorships in accordance with their commercial assessment and locations are identified by them on the basis of available refill sale potential for sustaining an independent distributorship. However, Government have advised OMCs to draw up Marketing Plan for covering semi-urban and rural areas. OMCs have finalized 1340 locations in the country for setting up of new LPG distributorships mainly in rural and urban-rural (semi-urban) locations. The advertisements for the same have since been released. The setting up of LPG distributorships is a continuous process and involves identifying of suitable locations, arranging land for setting up of godowns, obtaining statutory clearances, etc.